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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #20077

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Paula Ritter
NVRA Coordinator

RE: Voter Education and Outreach: High School Voter Education Weeks
April 20-30, 2020

The California Education Code designates the last two weeks in April and September as High School Voter Education Weeks. This provides an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with county elections officials to promote civic education and participation. With the upcoming Presidential General Election on November 3rd, and pre-registration available to 16- and 17-year-olds, now is the time to encourage students to become engaged and active in their communities.

Secretary Padilla, in partnership with California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, issued a [letter](#) encouraging schools to invite students to participate in our democracy. You can also view Secretary Padilla's [resolution](#) online, encouraging all California high schools to participate in High School Voter Education Weeks, April 20-30, 2020. Feel free to use this resolution as a tool to gain support and recognition from your Board of Supervisors or County Board of Education.

With distance learning currently in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage you to use the on-line resources available on our website. See our High School and Youth Initiatives webpage, which includes information on how to pre-register 16- and 17-year-olds at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs/>.

If you have questions about this or any other outreach related matter, please feel free to contact me at pitter@sos.ca.gov or (916) 695-1592. Thank you.